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Bringing RebuildIndy to Your Neighborhood

City Gets Feedback from Residents at Open House Forum

Recently, the Department of Public Works (DPW) hosted two RebuildIndy open houses on February 23 and March 3. The goal of each open house was to provide Marion County residents with a casual setting to learn more about Mayor Greg Ballard's RebuildIndy initiative.

"We're sure people have seen the signs and driven through the construction zones, but the open house provides a chance for the public to gain a better understanding of the RebuildIndy work going on in their neighborhoods," said DPW Director David Sherman. "Through RebuildIndy, DPW is investing more money in infrastructure repairs than ever before. Getting feedback from our neighborhoods is key, and we want residents to feel comfortable asking questions and making suggestions. This unprecedented increase in infrastructure projects means a lot of work going on in their neighborhoods."

At the open houses, maps were shown to highlight where current and future RebuidIndy projects are taking place. DPW engineers listened as residents made suggestions about where they'd like to see RebuidIndy funds invested. Attendees even had a chance to report potholes.

Some who attended were concerned about the fate of abandoned homes in their neighborhood. RebuildIndy staff explained the City's aggressive approach to demolish abandoned homes that pose a public safety threat and create a blight in the neighborhoods.

The first two open houses had attendees from every township. We encourage all City residents to stop by the next RebuildIndy open house being held on March 16, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Franklin Township Middle School West Cafeteria.

To learn more about the open houses click here.



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